

NEW SPRING GOODS

OUR stock of new spring merchandise, consisting of Dry Goods, Gents' and Ladies' Furnishing Goods, Shoes and Notions, is now complete in every department---in fact, all the new creations from the market centers are here and ready for your inspection. Highest Quality at an Exceptionally Low Price is the trade mark on which we ask your patronage.

The Brown Shoe Co's. COME IN



and make your selection while the lines are unbroken. Remember that we have all of the new patterns in Dress Goods that must only be seen to meet your approval and admiration. This is also true of our big line of Ladies' and Misses' Muslin Underwear.

Shoes-Shoes

If you don't need a pair of Shoes to-day you will before long, and, therefore, it's a good idea to get posted on the best place to buy. We do not expect to be able to sell you unless it is to your interest to buy here. It is easy to prove that to you, however, if you will give us a chance. Will you?

WE have made a greater effort this season to show a strictly first-class line of goods than ever. Our entire stock is well-selected---no cheap, shoddy goods of any kind---hence here is the place to "get your money's worth." We will take much pleasure in showing you through our store, and we believe we will have no trouble in convincing you of the real merits of our merchandise. We are more than anxious to serve you, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to come and see us.

BLAIR MILLER & COMPANY

KEYTESVILLE, MISSOURI

Lace Curtains

Our large assortment of Lace Curtains can not fail to please you and will greatly help to beautify your home. We have them from

40c to \$4.00

per pair. Come early.

Our Gents' and Ladies' Furnishing Goods are right up to the minute, and are all that one could wish in Style, Quality and Price.



CHARITON COURIER

L. P. VANDIVER, EDITOR AND PROP.
KEYTESVILLE, MISSOURI

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND MEMBER OF TOWNSHIP BOARD

We are authorized to announce
JOHN Q. PERKINS
as a candidate for Justice of the Peace and Member of the Township Board of Keytesville Township, subject to the ballots of the voters at the Township election to be held Tuesday, March 28, 1907.

CONSTABLE.
We are authorized to announce
BURT WORTHAM
as a candidate for Constable of Keytesville Township, subject to the ballots of the voters at the Township election to be held Tuesday, March 28, 1907.

Chariton county has a few newspaper scavengers who have an idea that they can gain the esteem of a certain class of close-fisted, cheap-john fellows who are always looking for the best of it on some legal publication or job work. Such scoundrels don't care anything about the publisher who favors them with "a cut rate," as it is only a matter of cold dollars and cents with them, and they would turn any publisher down if they could save a dollar or so by going somewhere else. Better stand up for your rights, boys, and get legal rates and living prices for whatever legal advertising and job work you do. The public generally does not like a cut-throat, and besides you lose the respect of your fellow-newspaper men and belittle the high calling of a journalist. Don't do it. "The laborer is worthy of his hire," says the good book. If you don't believe it, try to hire a laborer and see what he will cost you, to say nothing of the increase in the price of living; type job stock, news print, etc.

JAMES BRYCE is the highest paid ambassador. It is worth more to play tennis with Roosevelt than to send ultimatums to the Sultan which was Bryce's old job.

Tax Collections.

The honorable county court met Monday, March 11, and made final settlement with County Collector E. W. Herring. Below we give the per cent of taxes collected by Mr. Herring for the year 1906 and also show comparisons with collections made in the year 1905 when the county was under township organization. In justice to Mr. Herring we will say that he had an unusually large list of non-resident tax-payers to contend with, several of whom had left the county since they were assessed and forgot to pay their taxes.

Townships	Per Cent 1906.	Per Cent 1905.
Bee Branch	95	96 5-6
Bowling Green	93	97 1-4
Brunswick	96 3-4	98 2-11
Chariton	95	98 1-6
Clark	93	92 1-5
Cookrell	98 1-4	97 4-5
Cunningham	94	98 1-3
Keytesville	98	98 9-10
Mendon	97 1-2	99 7-10
Missouri	95	97 1-10
Mussel Fork	95 1-2	97 2-5
Salisbury	96	97 1-2
Salt Creek	98	98 1-4
Triplett	96 1-4	99 1-3
Wayland	96	98 9-10
Yellow Creek	97	99 9-10

The average for 1906 was 96 per cent, and for 1905, 97 4-5. Mr. Herring made slightly better collections in Clark and Cookrell townships than were made under township organization in 1905, but fell short in all of the other townships.

The suit of C. P. Vandiver vs. J.K. and J.W. Robertson, growing out of the COURIER-Signal deal January 31, 1905, in which Vandiver paid the Robertsons \$400 to discontinue the publication of their paper, the Chariton County Signal, at Keytesville on after Feb. 3, 1905, has been set for trial in the Kansas City court of appeals for Monday, April 1, 1907, where it was appealed by the Robertsons after Vandiver was awarded a verdict for \$400

in the circuit court of Randolph county where the case was taken on a change of venue and tried before Hon. W. P. Cave as special judge in June, 1906. It will be remembered that after the making of this contract with Vandiver, the Robertsons entered another and widely divergent contract with Homer P. Mitchell in which they gave him the right to CONTINUE the publication of said Chariton County Signal at Keytesville, thus making Mitchell their proxy in CONTINUING the same publication they had contracted with Vandiver to DISCONTINUE. We have never believed that the Robertsons, after the contract they made with Vandiver, had any moral right to sell to Mitchell, while Mitchell, having been fully advised of all the facts in the case, had no moral right to buy. As to what legal rights exist in promises the Kansas courts of appeals will pass upon at the April term.

John Q. Perkins of near Scribner schoolhouse makes his formal announcement in this issue of the COURIER of his candidacy for justice of the peace and member of the township board of Keytesville township. Mr. Perkins believes that these two offices should go to at least one man from the country. He has had a good deal of experience in township affairs, having served for several years as road overseer. He promises his best efforts to the offices he now seeks and says that if he is elected he will discharge his duties without fear or favor.

C. I. Poulter, reader and impersonator, will give an entertainment under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of the Christian church, Wednesday evening, March 20. It promises to be splendid. Don't miss it. Admission, 15 and 25 cents.

COURIER \$1 A YEAR.

Order of Publication.

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss.
County of Chariton, ss.
In the Circuit Court of Chariton County, Missouri, at Keytesville, May Term, 1907.
Thomas V. Reid, Plaintiff,
vs.
The unknown Heirs of Edward S. Jaffray, deceased, Defendants.
Now, this day comes the plaintiff herein, by his attorney, Paul L. White, and files his petition, under oath, alleging, among other things, that the defendants are non-residents of the State of Missouri, and that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon them; that the defendants are the heirs of one Edward S. Jaffray, who is dead, and which said heirs of said Edward S. Jaffray, deceased, plaintiff verily believes to be in existence, but whose names he cannot insert in his said petition because they are unknown to him, that said defendants are interested in the south half of the northwest quarter of Section one (1), in Township fifty-six (56), of Range nineteen (19), in Chariton County, Missouri, and that the interest of said unknown heirs is that formerly claimed by said Edward S. Jaffray, deceased, and which interest of said Edward S. Jaffray, was it not barred by limitation, said unknown heirs take by inheritance from said Edward S. Jaffray, deceased.
Whereupon, it is ordered by the Clerk of said Court, in vacation, that the defendants be notified by publication that a suit has been begun by plaintiff against the defendants in said Court, the general object and nature of which is to obtain a judgment and decree of said Court partitioning and vesting in plaintiff the title in fee of, in and to the said real estate, to-wit: The south half of the northwest quarter of Section one (1), in Township fifty-six (56), of Range nineteen (19), in Chariton County, Missouri, and that unless the said defendants, being the unknown heirs of Edward S. Jaffray, deceased, be and appear at this Court at the next regular term thereof, to be begun and holden at the Court-House in the City of Keytesville, in said County of Chariton, on the 8th day of May, next, and on or before the first day of said term, answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.
And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law, in the CHARITON COURIER, a newspaper published in said County of Chariton, for four weeks successively, published once a week, the last insertion to be at least thirty days before the first day of said next May term of this Court.
W. L. WRIGHT,
Circuit Clerk.

A true copy from the record.
Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court of Chariton County, this 14th day of March, 1907.
W. L. WRIGHT,
Circuit Clerk.

Philip Kidd of Sedalia was here an hour or so Wednesday afternoon. He finally met the fair object of his visit, notwithstanding a sick horse on the Keytesville street car line caused a "Severance" of his pleasant ties for a time.

ANOTHER theft from a United States sub-treasury, this time at Chicago, shows the careless way in which the government funds are handled and that Republican politicians are not safe custodians of the people's cash. This time the amount is \$173,000 and where it went to is a mystery, but it is evident that some one familiar with the manner of transacting the business was the thief.

The FARMERS' FRIENDS

WHEN it comes to right prices we are known all over Chariton County as "The Farmers' Friends." If you have any doubt about it, all we ask is to give us an opportunity to prove it. We have just received our spring stock of Harness and are ready to sell it.

WOVEN WIRE FENCE
Now is the time to get close prices. We have all kinds, and are making special prices to make room for spring stock. We will save you from 10 to 12 per cent.

INCUBATORS.
Just received the Eclipse C... of cubators, and... to come... and place your orders for spring.

Don't forget that we have a big stock of horses and mules. Can sell you a good or cheap team. We are ready for spring business. In fact, we have everything in stock that the farmer might need. If you want to save money on any of above items, see us. We also have PRATT'S STOCK AND POULTRY Cholera Cure, Roup Cure, Etc. This is one of the oldest and best stock foods on the market. Write us, phone us or call on us.

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